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FOR LUBKEMAN

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SUBJECT:WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO): WORKING PARTY TO
REVIEW DRAFT CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM WTO SECGEN LONATI OF U.S. VIEW
THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING PARTY ONE WEEK BEFORE WTO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH DIFFERENT VENUE FROM ASSEMBLY WOULD
CREATE CONSIDERABLE BUDGETARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS
FOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED (CAMEROON, FRANCE, PAKISTAN, PERU,
THAILAND, TUNISIA, USSR, U.S.). EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT
U.S.--AND WE PRESUME OTHER COUNTRIES--HAVE CONSIDERABLE
PROBLEMS WITH PRESENT DRAFT CONVENTION ON PRIVILEGES AND
IMMUNITIES, AND WE ARE NOT YET READY TO PROPOSE FINAL
LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY; WORKING PARTY
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WOULD, THEREFORE, NOT BE IN POSITION TO COMPLETE ACTION FOR
ASSEMBLY REVIEW. THERE IS NO URGENCY TO THIS QUESTION.
SINCE FOURTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DECIDED TO CONVENE WORKING
PARTY "IMMEDIATELY BEFORE" ASSEMBLY, U.S. SUGGESTS THAT
COUNTRIES CONCERNED MEET AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL AT
TORREMOLINOS-PERHAPS A DAY BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY--TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON DRAFT CONVENTION. FYI. FATE OF WORKING GROUP ON

REGIONAL STRUCTURES, WHICH DID NOT EVEN ACHIEVE QUORUM

DURING ITS MARCH 29-31 SESSION IN MADRID, COLORS OUR
THINKING ON THIS QUESTION. END FYI.

2. U.S. PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONVENTION POUCH
AND SENT APO TO LUBKEMAN MORNING OF APRIL 14. EMBASSY
SHOULD ADVISE LONATI THAT EMBASSY HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE
TO TRANSMIT TO HIM THESE COMMENTS ON APRIL 18 (POUCH
ROOM'S ESTIMATED ARRIVAL TIME IN MADRID).
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